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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period, to expire on November 27, 2006, Applicants timely file this response and believe a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office should deem an extension of time to be necessary, the undersigned authorizes the charge of any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.